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NOTICES.

NOTICE.

Sittings of the Third Division Court of the District of Thunder Bay will be held at the Court House in Rat Portage, in the said District on the following dates:—August 29th, September 26th, October 29th, November 28th, December 27th, 1883, and January 30th, 1884.

FRANK J. ApJOHN, Clerk.

Rat Portage, Ontario, July 30th, 1883.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that

Parties Found on Islands or Lands

IN THE LAKE OF THE WOODS.

Issued by the Crown to and held by the Keewatin Lumbering and Manufacturing Company Limited.

WILL BE PROSECUTED

Unless they have authority from the undersigned.

JOHN MATHER, Manager.

Keewatin Mills, Sept. 1883.

HOTELS.

The Queen's

RAT PORTAGE,

Lake of the Woods.

THE PALACE HOTEL!

THE GREAT

SUMMER RESORT

This hotel is situated on Main street, and commands a fine view of the Bay. It is a new hotel, plastered and thoroughly fitted up from ground to roof.

The "Queen's" is especially suitable for the accommodation of tourists and visitors, and every preparation is being made for their comfort and convenience.

The "Queen's" cannot be excelled in the Northwest.

A more beautiful summer resort than Rat Portage cannot be found in which to spend the summer months, nor a better hotel than the "Queen's at which to put up.

The "Queen's" has a 'bus connecting with every train for the convenience of its guests.

JAMES GORE,
Proprietor.

Rideout House

RAT PORTAGE,

The Great Summer Resort

This commodious hotel has lately changed hands and been fitted up in first-class style with all the latest modern conveniences.

THE BEST TABLE IN THE NORTHWEST

CHOICEST BRANDS

Wines, Liquors and Cigars!

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WATT & FLAGER,
Proprietors.

THOS. SUTLIFFE, Manager.

The A 1 Hotel

THE

LAKE VIEW HOUSE!

This hotel has been thoroughly renovated, papered and plastered, and is now open for the convenience of the public.

The choicest brands of Wines, Liquors and Cigars will always be kept.

Best House in the Portage for the accommodation of the travelling public.

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WM. BUCKINGHAM,
Secretary Treasurer.

Dated, August 23rd, 1883.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that some

SAW-LOGS

Seized on the

INDIAN RESERVE AT OBABEKONG,

Will be sold by Public Auction to the highest bidder on the

18th September, Instant

JOSEPH MACPHERSON
Indian Agent.

SELECTED POETRY.

A BABY'S SMILE

As through the busy st[illegible]t I pass,
  Oft [illegible], in sun or rain,
I mark some pleasant household group
  Behind a window-pa[illegible]
The mother is politely [illegible]nd,
  The father does not s[illegible]
But if I note a baby th[illegible]
  The baby smiles at [illegible]

Dear sinless soul of bab[y]hood!
  She does not coldly v[illegible]
To ask about my bank account,
  Or bonds, or real est[illegible]
With small, soft face [illegible]inst the pane,
  And dove-like coo th[illegible]while,
She beckons with her dainty hand,
  And answers back m[y] smile.

She does not scorn my [illegible]ace because
  She never heard my [illegible]ame;
Nor query of my social place,
  Nor question whence [I] came;
No tedious rule of etiquette
  Restrains her loving face,
Or chills the winning smile that lights
  Her lovely wild-flower face.

She knows me by that nameless sense,
  That wisdom sweet and fine,
Which babies have ere time has spoiled
  Their innocence divine,
That strange unerring magnetism
  Which some kind angel sends,
By which all sinless [illegible] perceive
  And recognize th[illegible]

Which draws the [illegible] to my hand,
  Fearless and trusting [illegible]
Which makes the [illegible] sparrows crowd
  My friendly window[illegible]
The silent sympathy [illegible] makes
  The homeless dog [illegible]
Forget his hunger [illegible]
  To fawn about [illegible]

Ah, though the [illegible] full sometimes,
  Of darkness [illegible]
The soul is n[illegible]
  Which bird[illegible]rst;
Life is not all [illegible]
  Made up of [illegible]
While eyes [illegible] and sweet
  Smile back to eyes [illegible] smile.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The columns [illegible] are open to correspondents [illegible] of public and other interest [illegible]. It must not be understood, [illegible] this journal is responsible for the [illegible] expressed by correspondents.

Country First, Party Second.

VIGOROUS [illegible] A LIFE-LONG CONSERVATIVE.

Editor of the Argus:

Dear Sir,—[illegible] Conservative and faithful fol[illegible] leader of that party [illegible] and bright [illegible] in Rat Portage [illegible] Disputed Territory with re[illegible] all-absorbing question of the [illegible] Dispute. My reason for troubling you is the fact that an election contest to select a representative for this District in the Legislature of Ontario is about to take place, and it therefore becomes the duty of every elector, no matter what his past political proclivities may have been, to ponder well and to consider carefully what his action should be in duty to himself, his country and his party.

Now I have been accustomed in the past, like I presume a majority of my fellow-Conservatives to act in harmony with my party, to endorse its policy, and nearly always to support its candidate in time of an election. But recent events here, guided by plain common sense, have led me to ask myself these questions: Is it always wise and right to do this? Am I always bound neck and heels to the party chariot? And must I follow it even if the driver persists in driving straight to destruction? If by voting for my party's candidate, and sticking to the party under all circumstances, I do violence to my conscience work injury to the best interests of myself and my neighbors, and prove myself a traitor to my native country, am I obliged to do it?

These are some of the questions that I have of late been asking myself; and I have come to the conclusion to say, No; I have concluded that for once, at least, I shall prefer my country to my party; and instead of meekly following my party where I am convinced that party has gone wrong, I propose to follow my carefully considered and conscientious convictions; to vote for the candidate of my political opponents, and for the reason that in this election my opponents represent the real, genuine and best Conservative principles of the Province, and the material interests of the Disputed Territory in which, along with others, I have made my home.

To my mind the situation is simply this:—The Province of Ontario has been awarded this territory by arbitration; that Province acquires it, with all the revenue to be derived from its Crown lands, rich mineral and timber resources; that Province has already a large surplus in its treasury, which would be vastly increased by the revenue from the Disputed Territory; that Province can therefore afford to expend its revenue liberally for the benefit of the Territory; that Province has already proved its sincerity and determination to help us, by opening our streets, grants to our schools, payment of a part of our small-pox account, and the erection of a really splendid court-house and gaol, and in many other substantial ways. On the other hand, what has Manitoba done for us? What can she do? Why then should I or other Conservatives vote for our party's candidate, when neither he nor the party can do anything for us or for the District?

For the above and other reasons I intend to do as many Reformers did in 1878, desert my party when I think the party is wrong, and vote for my country and Province by casting my ballot for the Liberal candidate, Mr. Lyon, on the 28th September.

OLD-TIME CONSERVATIVE.

Rat Portage, Sept. 10th, 1883.

THE LUMBER TRADE.

The Resources of that Industry in this Country.

A correspondent of the Minneapolis *Lumberman*, writing from Winnipeg, has the following in reference to the lumber business in the Northwest:

"The Northwestern Lumber Co. have one mill on Lake Winnipeg with a capacity of 75,000 feet per day. They own about 100 square miles of timber limits on Lake Winnipeg, 100 square miles on Saskatchewan. They also own some pine limits on the Rainy river, and have yards at Winnipeg, Regina, Medicine Hat, and Calgary. Their average stock at Winnipeg now is about 500,000 and at each of their other yards 250,000 feet. Alexander Moffat is President and T. H. Carman vice-president and manager.

Messrs. Dick & Banning have a mill at Keewatin with an average cut of about 40,000, this is a water power. They also have a steam mill on Hole River on Lake Winnipeg, cutting about 25,000 to 30,000 per day. Their last year's sales were about 21,000,000 feet. They do not expect their sales this year will exceed 12,000,000. They keep on hand here about 2,000,000 feet, and at Keewatin about 4,000,000 feet, and at Lake Winnipeg about 2,000,000 feet of spruce.

In addition to these firms there are Brown & Rutherford who manufacture, and also run a planing mill handling from 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 feet lumber per year. Plewes and Mann who handle about 1,000,000 feet, principally from Georgian Bay. D. L. Briggs about 500,000. Wm. Black and Grayburn & Gardner about the same each. D. Sprague on the Red River Winnipeg, is cutting now from 40,000 to 50,000 feet per day. They have a good yard, kept in good shape, well piled and have in stock about 4,000,000 feet.

LAKE OF THE WOODS MINERALS.

[illegible] try in the vicinity of Rat Portage would bring trade to smelting works at St. Paul. A little more than a year ago the first mining company was organized to work in that section—the Manitoba Consolidated Gold and Silver Mining company. At present eight companies are actively at work, as follows: The Manitoba Consolidated, $2,000,000 capital, working on claim X 37, Clearwater Bay, Lake of the Woods; the Argyle Gold Mining company, $1,000,000 capital, working on claim X 21, Clearwater Bay; the Winnipeg Consolidated, capital $1,000,000, working in the vicinity of Hay Island, Lake of the Woods; the Canada Gold Mining company, working on claim X 84, Lake of the Woods; the Keewatin, capital $1,000,000, working on Hay Island; the Homan Mining company, capital $1,000,000, working on claim on Lake of the Woods; the Lake of the Woods Gold Mining company, capital $1,000,000, the Pine Portage Gold Mining Company, a close corporation, working on the Pine Portage lead, near Rat Portage. Here are eight companies with a combined capital of $10,000,000, working on refractory ores, nearly every ton of which requires to be smelted. These ores are rich, assays running from one to twenty-three ounces gold per ton. There are stamp mills there and some other facilities for treating ores, but none of the mines have produced what their projectors had reason to hope they would, and simply because the ores have not been treated intelligently, because they have not been subjected to smelting under competent directions. The erection of smelting works in St Paul would certainly attract a great deal of business from this section, and the majority of the business from Montana. This is the opinion of experts who have seen the development of mining interests in various parts of the country. They are of one accord on the subject of smelting works in St. Paul.

THE FUTURE OF PORT ARTHUR.

Our Maritime neighbor at the head of Lake Superior, may be expected to jump up, flop its wings and crow over the following, taken from the New York *Herald* of the 7th inst: "As there is just now a great deal of attention directed to the crops and general prospects of the great Northwest region, traversed by the Minneapolis & Manitoba and Canadian Pacific railways, it will interest many to know that a city is rapidly growing up at the point where the Canadian Pacific touches Lake Superior. This town is called Port Arthur, and it is situated on the harbor of Thunder Bay, the finest port on the northwest shore of the lake. Nearly 100 new buildings have been erected at Port Arthur this year, including factories, banks, churches and dwellings.

The Canadian Pacific company, in anticipation of the opening of the line on the northwest shore of the Lake, will, early in the spring, ply a fleet of steamers between Prince Arthur's Landing and Algoma Mills the terminus of one of its branches on Lake Huron. The position of the main line of the Canadian Pacific touching Port Arthur has only been in running order a few months and the mineral resources of that district are beginning to be developed. Lumber, however, is cheap and manufactories are springing up on every hand. Custom receipts for July were $123,000. As yet it is too early to ship a single cargo of Manitoba wheat.

"It is expected that there will be 3,000,000 bushels to export, and most of this will be shipped from Port Arthur. It is predicted by those interested that in less than five years Port Arthur will be a larger shipping port than Milwaukee as it already exceeds Toronto. It is to Manitoba what Montreal is to Ontario, each being at the head of navigation, and the only place to break bulk.

JAY GOULD.

Interesting Sketch of this Modern Croesus.

Jay Gould was requested last week, before the U. S. Senate Labor Committee, to give the history of his early life, first business adventures, and progress to the present. Gould seemed somewhat staggered at the request, but turning with a smile towards the reporters' table he began. I was born at Roxbury, Delaware Co., in this State, May 27, 1836, where my parents had a small farm, and kept twenty cows, which I assisted tending. I attended school fifteen miles distant, and when about fourteen years old obtained a situation in a store in a neighboring village. I was much interested in mathematics, and used to get up at 3 o'clock mornings and study till 6, when the store opened. I remained in the State two years, when I made the acquaintance of a surveyor who was making a survey of Ulster county. He took me into his service at a salary of $20 per month. I learned that my employer's credit was not very good, and I was to obtain no money for my work until his map was completed, so I made sun dials for farmers at $1 a piece to pay running expenses. I made surveys afterwards of Delaware and Albany counties, and made on these contracts about $5,000. I then went into the tannery business with Mr Pratt, [illegible] partnership [illegible] committed suicide.

HIS FIRST RAILWAY.

The first railroad with which I had any connection was what is now a portion of the Rensselaer and Saratoga, of which I was Superintendent. During the panic in 1859 the stock went down very low, and I was able to buy in a large amount, which afterwards netted a handsome profit. The next road was the Cleveland & Pittsburg. Gould then rehearsed the story of his connection with the Union Pacific. As he had interested himself in it, and the stock was falling, he made up his mind to carry it through at any cost. It was once on the point of being placed in the hands of a receiver. Afterwards, when the road became a paying one, and dividends were declared regularly, there was a great cry from the public that it was Gould's road, as if this was dangerous. He said he was then engaged in selling out his stock which was soon in the hands of more than 7,000 investors, representing the earnings of many widows and orphans. This ended his connection with the Union Pacific. The stock is now higher than when he sold it. His next venture was building the Gould railroad system in the South and West, which began with the purchase of the Missouri & Pacific from Commodore Garrison. Other roads were purchased and connections made at different points.

MONEY NO OBJECT.

Gould said he had at this time passed the point when money-making was an object. His only idea was in carrying out a system and to merely see what could be done by the combination. His lines now spread through Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Arkansas, Indian Territory, Texas, Louisiana, and Mexico. There are central connections at Cincinnati, St Louis, Chicago, and New Orleans. All the construction of this system was completed last year, and represented about 10,000 miles of road. The earnings of the lines when he took possession were about $70,000 per month. The earnings the past month were $3,500,000. Incidental to his railroad interests he became largely interested in the telegraph business. He was instrumental in starting the American Union, to make it a competing line with the Western Union, which he found it would be impossible to accomplish on account of the extent of the latter's connections. He then turned his attention to getting control of the Western Union by buying stock when it was low. Finding it a paying investment he had been constantly increasing his interest. The object of securing control was to make General Eckert manager, as he had great confidence in his business ability. The railroad facilities now acquired by the Western Union are invaluable. He would not object to the Government taking hold of the Western Union if it would pay what it was worth, but he believed a Government telegraph would not be a success. Uniform tariffs could be secured under private enterprise.

C. P. R. TIME TABLE.

GOING EAST

Winnipeg	Leave	7 00 a.m
Rat Portage	Arrive	12 50 p.m
"	Leave	1 25 p.m
Port Arthur	Arrive	7 50 a.m

GOING WEST

Port Arthur	Leave	7 25 p.m
Rat Portage	Arrive	1 25 p.m
"	Leave	1 5? p.m
Winnipeg	Arrive	8 00 p.m

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RAT PORTAGE, FRIDAY, SEP. 14, 1883

THE ALGOMA ELECTION.

A letter in another column over the nom de plume of an "Old-Time Conservative" voices we believe, accurately what is the present sentiment of many of his fellow-Conservatives throughout the district of Algoma with reference to the election contest now in progress. The writer, and those for whom he speaks, do not conceal the fact that they are Conservatives; nor do they propose to eschew their political principles and party predilections. But they have deliberately come to the conclusion that on the question of Ontario's right to the disputed territory and to have the award of the Arbitrators ratified, the Conservative party led by the Ottawa Premier and meekly followed by the Opposition leader in Toronto, is entirely wrong: that it is seeking to violate the wise principle of arbitration, which, in more modern and enlightened times, has come to be recognized and adopted as the best and wisest method of settling difficulties between individuals, corporations, provinces, States and nations; that the Conservative party's leaders threaten to deprive the Province of Ontario of her just territorial rights, as determined by the award of the arbitrators; that the object of this dishonorable and unfair course on the part of the Conservative leaders is merely partizan and intended to please and placate the Bleus of Quebec; that, if successful, the policy of the Conservative party on the boundary question would result in an immense material loss to the Province of Ontario and to the disputed territory, the interests of its settlers, miners, lumbermen and other business men being to continue under the authority of a Province whose ample revenues will be liberally expended in developing the varied resources of the territory, and whose Government, Provincial and Municipal, as well as its legislation, are in the wisdom of their conception and successful operation admittedly unsurpassed, if equalled, by any Province of Confederation. These are the considerations which have doubtless presented themseves to the mind of "Old-time-Conservative" and other thoughtful members of his party, and have induced them, despite the persuasion and attempted browbeatings of the party and official wire puller and electioneering agents: to rebuke their leaders by boldly and manfully refusing to follow them in a course of wrong—doing what is dishonoring to them as a party and would, if successful, prove disastrous to the highest interests, legislative and territorial of the Province of Ontario; as well as to the material and civil interests of themselves.

One of the peculiar election devices of the Shields brigade in Muskoka last winter was the use of "what was called whiskey"—in the language of a witness who had evidently been sadly disappointed because of the fraud that had been perpetrated upon himself and other "free and independent" electors who had expected to drink only the "pure stuff" instead of the "watered" article that froze in the bottles while on the way to the polls. This frozen whiskey was brought to the district by John Shields in five "very heavy trunks," and these trunks, save one, the contents of which Shields dispensed personally in his room at the hotel in Bracebridge, were sent out as "supplies" to the voters for the opposition candidate. Notwithstanding this palpable and rather disreputable fraud practiced in thus reducing the grog to a freezing strength, it seems to have been effective for the purpose intended, and Shields returned to Toronto in triumph as the Von Molke of the campaign. Before leaving the Bracebridge hostlery, however his generous impulses found vent toward the chamber-maid, to whom he made a present of the empty trunk aforesaid. And this little act of thoughtful generosity, so trivial a circumstance in itself, promises to perpetuate for all time the name of Shields in the records of election courts and of political campaigns. The Eastern press have all but unanimously united in "titling" him Chamber-Maid Shields, and surely no one will be found bold enough to question the appropriateness of the sobriquet. We accordingly doff our plume to the Chamber-Maid!

"Three of a kind" ought to take the trick; but there is some doubt about the Shields-Rideout-Progress hand being the "little joker." Adversity makes strange bedfellows and there's a rare three-in-a-bed, and no mistake. The Chamber-Maid is understood to boast that he caught the tail-end of the trio, which formerly wiggled so venomously at Shields, with a simple wave of the Ottawa Governm nt silver wand! Hence the somersault. No wonder that John laughs about it.

WHERE THE PROFIT IS.

With a splendid water power, fine forests near at hand, and an insatiable demand for cheap lumber to the westward, and inexhaustible mineral resources ready for development, Rat Portage would already have been an important business centre but for the iniquitous course followed by Sir John A. Macdonald. Even though driven by his Quebec followers to deny the validity of the award to Ontario, he would have refrained from creating disorder in the disputed territory had he had any regard for the interests of its inhabitants. A more wanton piece of mischief than the act making Manitoba co-terminous with Ontario was never planned. When that bill was passed it was as obvious as it is now that Manitoba could do nothing to aid the people here. Manitoba's Government has not money enough to pay the expenses of governing and developing the prairie country as a Provincial Government should. Bridges, drains and roads of prime necessity are lacking there. If Manitoba's Government were in possession at and around Rat Portage where would such necessary public works be executed? Instead of deriving a revenue from the territory foolishly claimed by Mr. Norquay it would be a source of continual expense to his Government. If they did anything it would be done by depriving the prairie community of highly necessary improvements. It has been asserted that if Manitoba could gain a footing, the timber, land and mineral royalties would be gifted to her Government by the Dominion. That is mere moonshine, as anyone must know who is aware how vainly Manitoba has been struggling for some years to obtain possession of lands and crown possessions situated in the Province proper and which the Federal Government has a clear right to deal with. But suppose for a moment that Manitoba were given all crown dues in as much of Keewatin as she could hold. Where would the money go? To supply the demands of the Prairie country of course. This is clear, that were Ontario not to assert and uphold her rightful claims the revenue derived from the land, timber and minerals of Keewatin would be expended at Ottawa for the benefit of the Dominion or, if gifted to Manitoba, expended at Winnipeg for the benefit of the country west. Rat Portage and the neighboring territory would gain nothing or next to nothing in either case.

How different the result of Ontario's rule. As in Muskoka and Eastern Algoma colonization roads, bridges, dams, slides and courthouses, gaols, town halls, mechanic's institutes, school houses, nearly all important public works are provided by Ontario, so will they be provided here. Ontario is rich and can afford to expend in new districts more than the revenue she gets from them. Therefore the rule of [illegible] age and the surrounding district the immense benefits of order with its indirect material advantages, but the great material profit to be derived from new public works and the expenditure on them.

The sapient member of Manitoba's Council who at a recent meeting expressed his surprise that claimants should continue to "dun" that august corporation, when they know that there was not a "nickel in the treasury" works himself up into quite a fury of simulated indignation because one of Ontario's Commissioners has assumed to say, what everybody else in Rat Portage and elsewhere believes and knows to be a fact, that the passing of a by-law by the Rat Portage Manitoba council proposing to give $15,000 of a bonus to the Rainy Lake Lumber Company is simply a "ridiculous and cruel farce." A corporation that in the classic language of its gabbiest member "hasn't got a nickel" even to pay current expenses and its own servants is usually not in a position to bonus anybody. Besides, the indignant councillor knows very well that the debentures of Rat Portage, under present circumstances with the boundary question still unsettled though the perversity of the said councillor's political allies, could not be sold at any price—unless perchance they were endorsed by the Ontario Government, which the generous Manitoba council will hardly ask for or receive. What then is the proposed by-law but a "ridiculous and cruel farce"—except, of course, to such of the Manitoba councillors as publish the by-law and thereby make a profit by perpetrating the farce!

Before the close of the present year the Canadian Pacific will have built 925 miles of road, including the work on the main line and on the Ontario and Quebec, between Perth and Toronto. Next spring the new steamers will be put on Lake Superior, when the time from Winnipeg to Montreal will be at least ten hours shorter than by rail by way of St. Paul and Chicago. The road from Perth to Toronto will be finished by the end of this year. The Canadian Pacific will then build an air line from Smith's Falls to Montreal. It is calculated that the road from Montreal to the Pacific will be completed by the end of 1885—six years ahead of time.

And now brother Farrar of the Winnipeg Times and the gifted Dawn of Regina are pulling each other's hair. Well, no, that's not exactly accurate or possible, come to think. But they are shillalahing one another vigorously about that little "flask" which Col. Herchmer unluckily got scent of. The Regina brother tells his Winnipeg assailant top-loftily that—"If he could go on forever he could not reach the bounds of our scorn." Brother Farrar now has the "green."

We regret to observe that the Toronto and Winnipeg Tory papers continue to worry themselves because the Mowat Government insist upon building roads and bridges, erecting court houses and gaols, supporting schools and otherwise assisting to develope the resources of the disputed territory and to improve the condition of its people. This is to be sure very wicked on the part of Mr. Mowat, but it is a way he has, and somehow the people refuse to quarrel with him about it: on the contrary they seem to like it and have re-engaged him for the same job until the year 1887. Perhaps the latter circumstance is what most worries the Toronto and Winnipeg organs.

Judge Ryan, of Minnedosa, and an excellent authority, speaking of the boundary question, says to a Winnipeg reporter: I have studied it and am well satisfied that Mr. Mowat is right. When last in Ottawa I argued the question at length with a political and personal friend of Sir John A. Macdonald's, a man, "on the verge of the Ministry," as Lord Beaconsfield would say, and upon finally putting the question, "is it not a good geographical boundary?" he replied, "it is, but a bad political one!" meaning, evidently, that it did not suit Mousseau, Masson, et al, as they have themselves declared.

"Who pays Mowat's invasion bills?"—Winnipeg Times. The Mowat Government. But, by the way, who don't pay Norquay's invasion bills? This is the query which most concerns the Manitoba forces and other unfortunate claimants who have served under the Prairie Province.

Magistrate Brereton's friends gave him a walking cane the other day. Is this a polite hint that they want him to walk—to Cross Lake for instance? Perhaps Mr. Tupper, or some of the other aspirants to the Norquay magistracy, will explain.

An Ottawa correspondent reports on excellent authority that the Orange incorporation bill passed at last session of the Manitoba Legislature will be disallowed.

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Argus Eyes.

"One touch of nature makes the whole world kin."
He said, as he pressed his crimson lips;
To kiss our kindred is surely no sin,
Even if it thrills to our finger tips.

"One touch of nature makes the whole world kin."
Said an irate sire, as he lifted his foot;
And freedom with kindred is surely no sin.
So he thrilled the young man with the toe of his boot.

P. J. Brown, contractor, Ingersoll, was in town last week.

Hon. J. W. Sifton, has returned from attending the united general conference of the Methodist Church.

Mrs. G. R. Pattullo has returned safely to Woodstock, after a pleasant summer tour on the Lakes and in the Northwest.

Mr. Corregan, of Whitemouth, declares his intention to run as a candidate for Varennes. He is a Conservative, but opposed to Miller.

A. H. Stratford, late of Winnipeg, has been elected a member of the Canadian Zingari, and is to make one of their eleven to play at Philadelphia this month.

The Emma Abbott Opera Company have been making the Winnipeggers happy this week. Miss Abbott is a delightful singer, and a charming little lady; her company is also a very superior one.

Aubrey White, Crown Land and Timber Agent of the Ontario Government has returned to Rat Portage. He was obliged to go East some weeks ago, owing to the illness of his wife, who is now convalescent.

C. R. Tuttle, one of the independent Conservative candidates "spoken of" against Mr. Miller came to town on Wednesday. He is understood to be feeling the pulse of the at-present-much-attentioned Rat Portagers.

James Gillespie, freely spoken of as the Liberal candidate for Varennes, has been visiting friends in the East and only returned yesterday. His friends are most hopeful of his election should he consent to be a candidate.

Attorney-General Miller, prospective candidate for Varennes, arrived in town on Tuesday. He may be expected to "set up" the boys liberally from that flask which so failed him, despite its generous libations, in Stonewall.

During exhibition week passengers will be conveyed to and from Portage la Prairie at a fare and a third for the double journey. Supt. Egan should give Rat Portagers an opportunity to run up and see the Fair of the Prairie Province.

It is stated in political circles that Mr. James Gillespie will probably contest Varennes in opposition to ex-Judge Miller. His friends say that should he consent to run, his election would be almost a certainty.—Winnipeg Sun.

Mrs. James Ross, Master J. Ross, and Mrs. Oles, arrived Monday evening at Winnipeg in the Credit Valley private car from Toronto. They left for the west next morning on a visit to Mr. Ross, Superintendent of construction at the Rockies.

At the time of the Provincial elections in Manitoba last winter a large and influential requisition was presented to Mr. Patrick Enright requesting him to become a candidate for Varennes and at that time he would doubtless have made a strong run. He has not definitely determined whether or not he will now be a candidate.

Mr. James Fisher, M. A., of Stratford, Ont., has become senior partner of the legal firm of Sutherland & Curran, Winnipeg. Mr. Fisher is a well known member of the Ontario bar, is a highly esteemed citizen and is just the stamp of a man wanted for Western pioneer life and lending a hand in the formation of its future destinies.

A sad death occurred at Port Arthur at six o'clock Monday morning, Mr. E. G. Gardon, C. E., formerly of Winnipeg, dying there of typhoid fever after a brief illness. Mr. Garden, who is a native of Woodstock, N. B., came to this country with Mr. Murdoch, C. E., and has been working on various C. P. R. contracts, latterly with Mr. Ross. He was a man of about 43 years of age.

Mr. James Cochrane, who has been for over a year in charge of the delivery department of the G. N. W. Telegraph Company, Winnipeg, left Monday to take a lucrative position as superintendent of telegraph construction on the C. P. R. east of Port Arthur, under Mr. John Ross. Mr. C. was a great favorite in Winnipeg, and a host of friends were at the train to bid him farewell.

Rev. Dr. King, who has accepted the principalship of Manitoba College, preached his farewell sermon Sabbath night. At the close of the service he made a statement giving his reasons for leaving the city, and expressing sorrow at parting with those whom he has been so closely connected with. We hope to see Principal King present at the opening of the Presbyterian Church here.

John K. Brydon, the people's popular choice for the alleged constituency of Varennes, has been in Winnipeg several days this week. His friends here are a little suspicious that Attorney-General Miller may endeavor to get John K. "off the track." But the latter may be relied upon to stand faithfully by his friends here who have so spontaneously and numerously tendered him their support—To desert them now would be a base betrayal.

THE worthy Ontario Reeve perpetrated a laughable proposition at the Council meeting on Monday night. When discussing the design for a Corporation seal he suggested that it should represent a rat being pulled through a small knot hole by Premier Mowat, who grasped it firmly by the ears, while John Shields, with the Ottawa Premier in the background, hung vainly on to the tail—the same being greased! The Aldermen enjoyed a hearty laugh over the Reeve's suggestion.

A Toronto despatch of the 10th inst. says: Noah Barnhart, a prominent miller and merchant in this city, was found dead in bed this morning. Apoplexy is supposed to have been the cause of death. Barnhart was intimately connected with the Northern Railway, Bank of Commerce, Western Assurance Company, and other corporations. He was also largely interested in Lake Superior navigation and Owen Sound projects. He was in excellent health yesterday, and in the afternoon took a walk with one of his sons.

A correspondent suggests that the ARGUS should procure and publish in group form portraits of all the prospective candidates for the mythical constituency of Varennes alleged, to be in the Province of Manitoba. Our correspondent must give us time and not attempt to tax the capabilities of the ARGUS too much and so soon. A "pictur" such as is suggested with the lordly and rubicund Attorney-General as the centre-piece, surrounded by Corregan, Tuttle, Brydon and Enright, would "bust" the camera of Registrar Wideman and thus seriously impair a flourishing business. We may perhaps be able to secure a wood-cut—hacked out with a meat-axe or buck saw.

A large party of Northern and Credit Valley magnates left Winnipeg for the Rockies on Monday including the following: E. B. Osler, President of the Ontario and Quebec Railway and vice-President of the Credit Valley Railway; W. K. Muir, late Superintendent of the Great Western Railway, but now of the Canada Southern at Detroit; John Burns, vice-President of the Credit Valley Railway; Wm. Hendrie, President of the Toronto, Grey & Bruce Railway; A. McNider, Inspector of the Bank of Montreal, and Mr. Meredith, of the same institution; Dr. Temple, of Toronto; Prof. Pike, of Toronto University; James W. Barclay, M. P. for Forfarshire, Scotland, and a leading authority on agricultural matters in the House of Commons, with P. C. Nonvelli, a travelling companion; R. M. Wells, M. P. for East Bruce; Wm. Mulock, M. P. for North York; Geo. S. C. Bethune, manager of the Farmers' Loan Company, Toronto, and W. J. Baines, of the same city; R. H. Bethune, cashier of the Dominion Bank of Canada, and R. Cochran, of the financial firm of Scrath & Cochran, Toronto.

THE ARGUS.

Favorable Comments of the Press on our Paper.

The Rat Portage ARGUS is a new weekly established in the interest of the Mowat Government and the "specials." It is a handsome little paper, and will no doubt display great activity until after the election.—Winnipeg Times.

There is no doubt that the ARGUS will "display great activity" until after the elections—a long while after—and don't you forget it. We have come to stay.

We have received the initial number of "The Argus and Northwestern Ontario Mining and Lumbering Record," published at Rat Portage by the ARGUS Printing Company. It is intended to counteract the influence of the Progress, which has come out in a most pronounced manner for Manitoba.—Winnipeg Sun.

WE have received the Rat Portage Argus, a weekly newspaper just started in that town. Both editorially and typographically it is a credit to those connected with it. Its sympathies are strongly with Ontario in the boundary dispute. A newspaper of the kind was much needed there, as the Progress has never been more than a miserable fraud, ready to support any cause for a few dollars. If there is a respectable element at all at Rat Portage it must rejoice in at last possessing a respectable newspaper.—Brandon Sun.

The Argus and Northwestern Ontario Mining and Lumbering Record, is the name of a new paper just started in Rat Portage, Ontario. It presents a very creditable appearance typographically, and is a newsy sheet of twenty columns, comparing in this respect favorably with other newspapers published in the sister Province. It is to be a weekly journal published in the interests of that section of Ontario where it has been so sucessfully launched. Its editorial columns give evidence of marked ability, and the first number has a very interesting epitome of local news from that great mining and lumbering region of Ontario. The publishers have our best wishes for success in their new journalistic enterprise. Winnipeg Free Press.

LUMBER NOTES.

The Minneapolis lumber dealers anticipate an improvement in the trade this fall.

Large shipments of telegraph poles are being made from Duluth westward for the Northern Pacific roads.

The cut in the Minneapolis saw mills for August was 10,000,000 feet, an excess of that cut the previous months of the year.

R. E. Cade & Son, of Romeo, Mich., have contracted to put in 15,000,000 feet of logs at Otsego lake, Otsego county, during the coming winter.

A raft of logs containing 3,000,000 feet, was last week on its way from Lake Superior to Alpena, Mich., for the Prentiss Lumber Company.

The Girardin Lumber Company at Menominee, Mich., has 1,000,000 feet of lumber piled in its yard belonging to the Kerby-Carpenter Company.

Late rains raised the waters of St. Louis river, Minn., sufficiently to float logs over the dalles, and on Sept. 1st logs were going over quite freely. A local paper consols itself by the reflection that a little more rain would let over 35,000,000 feet.

Sibley & Barringer lately purchased 11,272 acres of pine land in Oconto, Marinette, Florence and Langlade counties, Wis. The land is estimated to cut 225,000 feet of pine, and the deeds have been made to the purchasers and duly recorded. The consideration is $475,000.

THE Crops in Ontario.—The August crop report of the Ontario Bureau of Industry contains a carefully prepared estimate of the yield of this season's crop. Wheat, average yield per acre, 15 bushels, compared with 23 last year. Barley, estimated produce less than last year by 3,670,000 bushels. The crop of oats is excellent; estimated product, 5,616,000 more than last year; average yield, nearly 40 bushels per acre. Rye is only moderately good. Peas, estimated produce 775,000 bushels in excess of last year. The wet weather has greatly injured the corn crop. The bean crop and buckwheat are more favorable. The crop of hay and clover is the largest ever grown in the country: estimated product 4,127,419 tons, against 2,000,625 last year. Area under roots in excess of last year by about 30,000 acres.

SERIOUS COLLISION

Two Freight Trains Collide and Smash Each Other Badly.

A Couple of Accidents.

A collision on the Port Arthur division of the C. P. R. on Saturday morning about two o'clock resulted in the destruction of two locomotives, and fifteen cars. The collision took place near Wabigoon station and was, it is said, caused by the carelessness of Conductor Cochrane, who had by mistake taken another man's orders. He was running on the time of Conductor Hoag under the impression that he could made Wabigoon siding before the others, but before the siding was reached, Hoag came thundering along at the rate of 20 miles an hour, and in less time than it takes to write it both trains came together with terrific violence. The train hands leaped for life and had a narrow escape. Engineer Cook, of Cochrane's train, was severely injured, but no fatal results are expected. The loss to the company will, it is said, be not less than $25,000. Cochrane has been meanwhile suspended. His friends will greatly regret to hear of his misfortune so soon after he was married, announcement of which was made public about two weeks ago. We hope to hear that Howard may come out all right, as the result of the investigation now pending by the Railway authorities. He has always been considered one of the best men on the road. While train master Cameron was engaged clearing the track, on Monday, he met with a very painful accident. A locomotive which was being hoisted with jack-screws, shifted and caught Mr. Cameron's foot just below the instep, lacerating it in a horrible manner. The sufferer is at home in bed and is doing as well as possible under the circumstances.

BURS AND FEATHERS.

The Windsor Uniform at Regina

Outside papers make considerable sport of Governor Dewdney's display of fine feathers at the opening of the North-West Council. The Minneapolis Canadian-American says:—"The Windsor uniform is now worn by members of the Cabinet and other prominent officials on the occasion of the opening of the Dominion Parliament. It is a very showy raiment, and in England looks in harmony with existing institutions. Its introduction at Ottawa a few years ago was received with mixed feelings of pleasure and displeasure. To the man of democratic tendencies it gave offence, and was productive of most sarcastic remarks in the press. But it was never supposed that the custom would obtain in any of the smaller legislative bodies. Yet it has, and at the other extreme, too. The Northwest Territories contain a population of ten or fifteen thousand persons who have for their Lieut. Governor a man named Dewdney, a British Columbian. The Council of the Territories met the other day for the first time and the great head of the gigantic body posed in the Court uniform. What a spectacle for the savages! How Pie-a-Pot in his paint and feathers must have been consumed with envy when the intelligence reached him by telephone! The best thing the citizens of the Territories can do is to catch Dude-ney (this is how they spell it now) while dressed in his scarlet trapping and turn him out on the prairie in sight of a couple of Montana bulls, or else impeach him for making an exhibition of himself."

SPORTING NEWS.

Joe Goss has challenged Jem Mace to box four rounds for $500 or $1,000 a side.

Quirk, the Brantford sprinter, will enter in a handicap race at Philadelphia in October.

Chas. Rowell, the long distance pedestrain, has announced his intention of visiting America this fall.

Any oarsman that can row three miles with a turn and beat 20m. 11s., made by Teemer, at the Pittsburg regatta on Sept. 26, will receive $250.

Donald Dinnie wanted a $500 guarantee to visit Victoria, B. C. At Portland, Ore. by exhibitions he made $1,500 on a week day, and $000 on a Sunday.

The Chicago driving park offers a series of twelve races for its October meeting, all of $1,000 except two of $1,500 each, one free for all trotters and the other open to all pacers.

In the Queen's plate at Plymouth Aug. 23 both Royal Prince and Alben were beaten by an American-bred mare called Lady Jane but perhaps better known as Susquehana.

George Hazael, of go-as-you-please fame, is in active training in Williamsburg. Abe Smith of Chicago is endeavoring to arrange for him a twenty-mile race, for from $1,000 to $5,000 with any man in the world.

A challenge has been issued by the Australian oarsman E. Laycock to Ed. Hanlan for a race on the Paramatta River Sydney, for the championship of the world and £1,000 a side, Hanlan to be allowed £200 expenses, the race to come off prior to the 31st day of March, 1884.

MINING MATTERS.

The cost of sinking the first oil well at Rich Hill, Mo., was about $2,000 and cost of machinery $3,000.

Gold and and silver quartz is being turned out in large quantities from the Perkins tunnel lode, at the head of Spring gulch, Idaho.

The City of New York arrived at San Francisco on Saturday last from Australia, bringing $850,000 in English gold consigned from the colonies.

The Mountain City lode, Idaho, is now 150 feet in depth, and has a very large body of mineralized quartz. Mill runs show an ore value of $155 per ton.

An undivided one-half interest in the Invincible mine, situated at the head of Chicago Creek, Idaho, was sold last week for $25,000, part in cash the balance on short time.

SHIELDS' departure: Shields, Sir John Macdonalds's pet contractor, avoided swearing at the Muskoka election trial. To some people this may appear strange, seeing Shields is an adept at the business. He keeps using a big, big D even in his speeches. His harangues at Rat Portage were mainly notable for the profanity with which they were interlarded. The chief briber is a nice sort of a man to be emloyed by a political leader to instruct the people as to their duty.—Hamilton Times.

S. J. Dawson M. P., has gone to the eastern part of Algoma on a political pilgrimage.

G. W. Ross, the talented M. P. for west Middlesex, has just been enrolled amongst the barristers of Ontario.

Hon. David Mills ex-Minister of the Interior for the Dominion, has been called to the bar of this Province.

GOLD, MIGHTY GOLD.

Launching of the North-West Gold Mining Company's Scow "Gold Pan" on the Upper Saskatchewan.

The Edmonton Bulletin of the 25th ult. says: On Thursday last every preparation was made for the launching of the large scow to be used by the North-West Gold Mining Company in developing the gold resources of the Saskatchewan. As this was an era in the progress of civilization in the North-West, Mr. Levy, the manager, sought to make a public demonstration of the event. The grand finale was appointed for seven o'clock on Thursday evening, when a bottle of pain-killer or some equally innocent beverage was to be broken on her side and the name of "The Gold Pan" given to her. The launch went off very well indeed barring a slight accident, the cause of which could not be foreseen. It was necessary to lower the boat down on the shoes or slides fitting upon the ways. The slides having a gentle slope, and having been plentifully greased, no trouble was anticipated about its sliding on its own hook, but no sooner did the scow find its incline than it started off to find the water on its own account, leaving the shoes behind. She slid down with the greatest velocity into the water and mud, with no other mishap, however, than breaking one of the braces over the rudder. A few hours work in the morning successfully accomplished the launch. She will be ready to start operations in three weeks.

LONDON Advertiser. Some of the Tory Press quote the views of Col. Dennis on the subject of the boundary. Col. Dennis has since admitted that his views were formed at the time in the absence of important information, and that he has since had reason to believe them erroneous. The present Solicitor-General, Sir F. Herschell, is of opinion that the word northward in the Quebec Act has no reference to the direction of the western boundary, but to the direction of the entire territory from the southern boundary described. He holds under that act the Mississippi was undoubtedly the western boundary, so that if Mr. Mowat's Government were not fortified as they are by a valid award they would be perfectly safe in enforcing their authority at a point lying within the limits of the western boundry of the old Province of Quebec. Rat Portage was in the possession of the French for 140 years before it was visited by any one on behalf of the Hudson's Bay Company.

TORONTO Telegram: "It is the opinion of the chief Tory organ that Messrs. Mowat and Pardee should be compelled by the people of Ontario to pay the expense of the Rat Portage expedition out of their own pockets. If Messrs. Mowat and Pardee were striving to secure the disputed territory in order to cut down the timber and put the proceeds in their own pockets there might be some sense in the suggestion. But what they are doing they are doing for Ontario, and it is the duty of the people of Ontario to extend to them their sympathy and support, instead of doing as the organs of Toryism are doing."

Hon. A. Mackenzie sailed from Glasgow on Aug. 30. Before embarking he addressed the Greenock Chamber of Commerce. In the course of his speech he combatted Sir Alexander Galt's proposal to form a Federal Union of the British Empire, and said that Canadians would never submit to have their domestic affairs legislated upon at Westminster. He also stated that the general feeling in Canada was one of satisfaction with the existing state of affairs.

—Sarnia *Observer:* Mr. John Shields is his (Norquay's) chief confidant and counsellor. The Section B. bully acting no doubt, as he did in Muskoka and elsewhere, as the representative of the anti Ontario element in the Dominion Government. How long are honest, patriotic Conservatives going to permit these traitors and enemies to attempt to dismember this Province, in the name of their party!

THE STORY OF A TRUNK.

See the Trunk.
It is the Big Trunk.
Does it hold Clothes?
No, it does not hold Clothes.
What does it hold?
It is full of Wine and Whiskey.
John Shields owns the Trunk.
He keeps it for E-lec-tions.
He had it in Mus-ko-ka.
Where is John Shields now?
He is away in Al-go-ma.
Has he a Big Trunk There?
—*The Huron Signal.*

Yes, and something else.
What else can he have?
A check for forty thousand dollars.
What will he do with it?
It will buy a good deal.
Where did he get the money from?
Now, Sonny, don't be too inquisitive.
—*Hamilton Tribune.*

All right:
But say, Master *Tribune,*
Will you tell us what
John did with the Big Trunk
When it was emptied
Of the "frozen whiskey"
And Thousand Dollar Cheques?
Why, my boy, like a
Good, kind-hearted
Generous soul that
He is, John gave
It to the Chamber Maid.

BIRTHS.

GILLIS—At Silver Islet, Aug. 31st, the wife of J. G. Gillis, of a son.

O'CONNOR—At Port Arthur, on the 5th inst., the wife of Mr. Jas. J. O'Connor, of a son.

COLBERT—At Rat Portage, on the 1th inst., the wife of John Colbert, of a daughter

DERRY—At Rat Portage, on the 2nd inst., the wife of George Derry, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

MCLEAN—WELLS—On the 6th inst., by Rev. W. Halstead, Rat Portage, Neil McLean, to Miss S. Wells.

DEATHS.

O'CONNOR—At Port Arthur, on the 5th inst., the infant son of Mr. Jas. J. O'Connor.

GARDEN—At Port Arthur, on Monday, September 10, of typhoid fever, Edward Gordon Garden, C. E., a native of Woodstock, N. B.

CASEY—In Port Arthur, on the 5th inst., Olive May, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Casey, aged three months.

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Corner Matheson and Second Sts

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE District of Algoma.

GENTLEMEN:

As the writs for an Election will very soon be issued the people of Algoma will again be called on to select their representative in the Local Legislature, and at the request of a large portion of the influential electors from all sections of the district I have again consented to become a candidate to represent this vast constituency in the Legislature of the Province.

Having served you for five years in Parliament I am no stranger to the Electors of this District; my record is before the people and I leave them to judge whether I have fulfilled the trust imposed in me or not. When elected in 1879 I was bound by no pledges except that I would do all in my power to promote the best interests of the District; if this pledge has been carried out I hope to merit a continuance of that confidence so liberally bestowed upon me when I last solicited your suffrages.

ALGOMA FIRST, LAST AND ALWAYS

The principle that I enunciated in my former addresses I still affirm: and although a Liberal in principle, I again come before you as an independent candidate, believing the interests of Algoma to be of far greater importance to the Electors than any party that may be in power; and if again elected I will be found in the future as in the past supporting measures calculated to advance the development of our vast agricultural, mineral and timbered lands.

ELECTORAL DIVISION.

During the session of Parliament I brought the division of the District into two electoral districts before the Government and the House, but on account of the Boundary Question not being settled, and which disputed boundary embraces such a large portion of this District, it was deemed advisable not to affect the division until the boundaries of the Province were settled and the population sufficiently increased to average fairly with that of other counties in the Province. If returned this important question will at all times engage my earnest attention.

THE BOUNDARY DISPUTE.

Another question of vital importance to the people of Algoma is the settlement of the westerly and northerly boundaries of this Province. On this subject there should be no difference of opinion among the electors of this constituency. This question was submitted by both the Dominion and Local Government to a board of arbitrators by whose award the said boundaries extend west to the Lake of the Woods and north to James' Bay and include a vast territory rich in minerals, agricultural land and timber, which is estimated to be worth two hundred million dollars, and this territory lies wholly within the confines of this District. In the western section of this Disputed Territory, where the development of our mineral and timber interests has commenced a great want of equitable administration in reference to those two industries is felt, which want can be best supplied by substituting the liberal policy in this respect of the Ontario Government for the severe and unjust one at present pursued. I will consider it my duty at all times to do all in my power to have this vexed question brought to an early settlement having due regard to the interests of the Province and the District of Algoma in particular; and I will stand firm for every foot of territory awarded by the arbitrators, otherwise I consided I would be acting contrary not only to the best interests of the present generation, but to those of generations yet unborn.

PROVINCIAL RIGHTS.

If elected I shall consider it to be my duty to support by my vote and influence in the House the preservation of our Provincial Rights, and in this light I consider the Rivers and Streams Bill, passed last session in the Local Legislature, fair and just alike to the settler, the lumberman and the Province; as, by its provisions, it protects one of our chief sources of revenue; every facility should be used to bring our timber to market and legislation is necessary in order that our floatable stream may be made available for that purpose.

RAILWAY CHARTER.

During my term as your representative I have been instrumental, by my vote and influence both in the House and country, in obtaining a charter for the construction of a railway from Gravenhurst to Sault Ste Marie, which will be the means of developing the country it traverses for nearly four hundred miles, and in the construction of which $500,000 will be expended in this District within the next three years; and it was mainly due to my efforts in this behalf that the sum was not all expended within the Districts of Muskoka and Parry Sound.

I have also succeeded in obtaining a charter to construct a Railway across the Manitoulin Island connecting with the Ontario & Sault Ste Marie Railroad at a point north of Little Current, for the completion of which a subsidy has been promised and a guarantee that the road will be completed at an early date, which will be a lasting benefit to the people of Manitoulin Island.

I have also procured a charter for the construction of a railroad from Prince Arthur's Landing to the boundary line between Canada and the United States connecting with a line of Railway to Duluth, which forms a connecting link with the American Railway system and will give another outlet to the rapidly increasing commerce of the enterprising town of Prince Arthur's Landing.

EDUCATION.

Our educational interests have always engaged my attention while your representative and I have been instrumental in obtaining the services of an efficient School Inspector which has greatly facilitated the organization of School sections and the granting of certificates of qualification to teachers and the promotion of education in the District generally.

I shall make a personal canvass of the District and will hold as many meetings as time will permit, when I shall express my views on the important questions affecting the interests of the people of this District and give a more complete account of my stewardship, than the limits of a short address will allow.

R. A. LYON.

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